CORRESPONDENCE OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER.

Tallulah Falls, Georgia, April 29, 1848. The subject of my present letter is Adam Vandever, "the most romantic and beautiful nocks imaginable. Vandever is the enjoyment of good health, though when I fixed my ad- church yard is the "New England Hotel," which has unabout sixty years of age, small in stature, has a regular built weasel face, a small gray eye, and wears a long white beard. He was born in South Carolina, spent his early manhood in his brow. the wilds of Kentucky, and the last thirty years of his life in the wilderness of Georgia. By way of a fiche, he took a part in the Creek war, and is said to have killed more Indians than any other white man in the army. In the battle of Ottassee alone, he is reported to have sent his rifle-ball through the hearts of twenty poor heathen, merely because they had an undying passion for their native hills, which they could not bear to leave for an unknown wilderness. But Vandever aimed his rifle at the command of his country, and of course the charge of cold-blooded butchery does not rest upon his head. He is now living with his third wife, and claims to be the father of over thirty children, only five of whom, however, are living under his roof, the remainder being dead or scattered over the world. During the summer months h tills, with his own hand, the few acres of land which constitute his domain. His live stock consists of a mule and som

half dozen goats, together with a number of dogs.

On inquiring into his forest life, he gave me, among others,

the following particulars. When the hunting season comm. hoes, early in November, he supplies himself with every varie 'v of shooting materials, steel-traps, and a comfortable stock of provisions, and, placing them upon his mule, starts for some wild region among the mountains, where he remains until the fell wing spring. The sharty which he occurries during this seaso 7 is of the Indest character, with one side always open, as he tells me, for the purpose of having an abundance of fresh air. In killing wild animals he pursues bet two methods, called "fire lighting" and "still-hunting. His favorite game is the deer, but he is not particular, and secures the fur of every four-legged creature which may happen to cross his path. The largest number of skins that be ever brought home at one time was six hundred, among which were those of the bear, the black and gray wolf, the panther, the wild-car, the fox, the coon, and some dozen other varieties. He computes the entire number of deer that he has killed in his lifetime at four thousand. When spring arrives, and he purposes to return to his valley home, he packs his furs upon his old mule, and, seating himself upon the pile of plunder, makes a bee-line out of the wilderness. And, by those who have seen him in this homeward-bound condition, I am told that he presents one of the most curious and ro mantic pictures imaginable. While among the mountains his beast subsists upon whatever it may happen to glean in its forest rambles, and, when the first supply of his own provi sions is exhausted, he usually contents himself with wild game, which he is often compelled to devour unaccompanied with bread or salt. His mule is the smallest and most iniserable looking creature of the kind that I ever saw, and glories in the singular name of " The Devil and Tom Walker." When Vandever informed me of this fact, which he did with a selfsatisfied air, I told him that the first portion of the mule's name was more applicable to himself than to the domb beast; whereupon he "grinned borribly a ghastly smile," as if I had paid him a compliment. Old Vandever is an illiterate man, and when I asked him to give me his opinion of President Polk, he replied : "I never seed the Governor" of this State ; for, when he come to this country some years ago, I was off on 'tother side of the ridge, shooting deer. I voted for the General, and that's all I know about him." Very well! and this, thought I, is one of the freemen of our land, who help to elect our

On questioning my hunter friend with regard to some of his His stories all bore a strong family likeness, but were eviand disappeared. Vandever waited awhile at the opening, and m he could not see or hear his game, he concluded that it had ceared to breathe, whereupon he fell upon his hands | leading to the base of the mountain. and knees, and entered the cave. On reaching the bottom, he found the wolf alive, when a "clinch fight" ensued, and the hunter's knife completely severed the heart of the animal. On dragging out the dead wolf into the sunlight, it was found that his lower jaw had been broken, which was probably the reason why he had not succeeded in destroying the hunter.

At one time, when he was out of ammunition, his dogs fell upon a large bear, and it so happened that the latter got one of the former in his power, and was about to squeeze to death. This was a sight the hunter could not endure, so he unsheathed his huge hunting-knife and assembled the black monster. The bear tore off nearly every rag of his clothing, and in making his first plunge with the knife he completely cut off two of his own fingers instead of jojuring the hear He was now in a perfect phrenzy of pain and rage, and in making another effort succeeded to his satisfaction, and gained the victory. That bear weighed three hundred and fifty popnds.

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On another occasion he had fired at a large buck near the brow of a precipice some thirty feet high, which hangs over one of the pools in the Tallalah river. On seeing the buck drop, he took it for granted that he was about to die, when he approached the animal for the purpose of cutting its throat. To his great surprise, however, the buck suddenly spring to his feet and made a trem hodous rush at the hunter with a view of throwing him off the ledge. But what was more remarkable, the soimal succeeded in its effort, though not until Vandever had obtained a fait hold of the buck's antiers, when but Mr. Hubbard gave it as his opinion that if the affair acthe twain performed a summercet into the pool below. The | tually did occur, it originated from a whirlwind, which might buck made its escape, and Vandever was not seriously injured bave taken up the water from some neighboring river, and in any particular. About a month subsequent to that time dashed it by the merest accident upon the poor hunters. But of its neck, whereupon he concluded that he had finally tri- pan into the fire ?" whereupon I concluded to "tell the tale umphed over the animal which had given him the unexpected as 'twas told to me," for the especial benefit of Professor Espe.

experienced happened on this wise. He was encamped upon nected with Trail Mountain. Heretofore a cheese establishone of the leftiest mountains in Union county. It was near ment has been associated in my mind with broad meadow the twilight hour, and he had heard the howl of a wolf. With lands, specious and well-furnished outhouses, and a convea view of ascertaining the direction whence it came, he climb- nient market. But here we have a dairy on the top of a ed upon an immense boulder-rock, (weighing perhaps fifty mountain, distant from the first farm-house some fifteen miles. tons,) which stood on the very brow of a steep hill side. and inaccessible by any conveyance but that of a mule or well-While standing upon this boulder he suddenly felt a swing- trained horse. The bells of more than half a hundred cow ing sensation, and to his astonishment he found that it was are echoing along the mountain side; and, instead of clover, about to make a fearful plunge into the ravine half a mile he- they are feeding upon the luxuriant weed of the wilderness low him. As fortune would have it, the limb of an oak tree instead of cool cellars, we have here a hundred tin page ardrooped over the rock; and, as the rock started from its tot- ranged upon tables in a log cabin, into which a cool spring thish foundation, he seized the limb, and thereby saved his pours its refreshing treasure : instead of a tidy and matronly life. The dreadful crashing of the boulder as it descended housewife to superintend the turning of the curd, we have an troduced for improving the flavor of the lemonade. the mountain side came to the hunter's ear while he was sus- enterprising young Yankee, a veritable Green Mountain boy 4 proded in the air, and by the time it had reached the bottom and instead of pretty milkmaids, the inferiors of this establishhe dropped himself on the very spot which had been vacated ment are huge negroes, and all of the masculine gender. And

es snap for the finest game in the wilderness, While on my visit to Vandever's cabin, one of his boys came home from a fishing expedition, and on examining his fish was surprised to find a couple of shad and three or four striped base or rock-fish. They had been taken in the Talfulah, that below the cheem, by means of a wicker net, and at point distant from the ocean at least two hundred and fifty miles. I had been informed that the Tallulah abounded in troul, at I was not prepared to find salt-water lish in this re-

incident occurred when he was in his twelfth year. He and ! a younger brother had been gathering berries on a mountain le, and were distant from home about two miles. While relessly tramping down the weeds and bushes, the younger by was bitten by a rattlesnake on the calf of his leg. In a easterly wind, after three very hot days, were such an incenew moments thereafter the unhappy child fell to the ground tive to a walk, that I have given up two or three hours this in great pain, and the pair were of course in unexpected tribu- morning to that primitive exercise; and, as a part of m arien. The elder boy, having succeeded in killing the rattle- solitary ramble was through the lower half of Broadway, i make, conceived the idea, as the only alternative, of carrying has occurred to me to note down what I saw going on in the Hunter of Tallulah." His fame reached my cars soon after his little brother home upon his back. And this deed did the way of improvements in the space of a single mile on that sinarriving at this place, and, having obtained a guide, I paid moble fellow accomplish. For two long miles did he carry gle street, say from Wall street to Canal street. him a visit at his residence, which is planted directly at the his heavy burden, over rocks and down the water courses, mouth of the Tallulah chasm. He lives in a log cabin, occu- and in an hour after he had reached his father's cabin the and opposite Trinity church yard, a small old wooden build I ying the centre of a small valley, through which the Tallulah younger child was dead; and the heroic boy was in a state ing of revolutionary memory has been torn down, and the river winds it wayward course. It is completely hemmed in of insensibility from the fatigue and heat which he had expe- foundation of a large substantial building is in progress. On on all sides by wild and abrupt mountains, and one of the rienced. He recovered, however, and is now apparently in the opposite side of Broadway the first building above Trinity

Hubbard's Cabin, Trail Mountain, (Geo.)

I now write from near the summit of the highest mountain n Georgia. I obtained my first view of this peak while in the village of Clarksville, and it presented such a commanding appearance that I resolved to surmount it, on my way to the North, although my experience has proven that climbing high mountains is always more laborious than profitable. I came here on the back of a mule, and my guide and companion on the occasion was the principal proprietor of Nacoochee valley, Major EDWARD WILLIAMS. While ascending the mountain, which occupied about seven hours, (from his residence,) the venerable gentleman expatiated at considerable length on the superb scenery to be witnessed from its summit, and then informed me that he had just established a dairy on the mountain, which, it was easy to see, and become his hobby. He described the "ranges" of the mountains as affording an abundance of the sweetest food for cattle, and said that he had already sent to his dairy somewhere between fifty and eighty cows, and was intending soon to increase the excellent young man from Vermont, named Joseph E. Hubbard, to whom he was indebted for the original idea of establishing the sairy. While journeying through this region the young man chanced to stop at the Major's house, and though they were perfect strangers they conversed anon matters can nected with farming, and soon became acquainted; and the stranger having made known the fact that he knew how to moke butter and cheese, a bargain was struck, which has resulted in the establishment already mentioned. The Williams dairy is said to be the only one in the entire State of Georgia, and it is worthy of remark, in this connexion, that Major Williams (as well as his dairyman) is a native of New England. He has been an exile from Yankee land for upwards of twenty years, and though nearly seventy years of age, it appears that his natural spirit of enterprise remains in

Trail Mountain was so named by the Cherokees, from the fact that they once had a number of trails leading to the summit, to which point they were in the habit of a-cending for the purpose of discovering the camp-fires of their enemies during the existence of hostilities. It is the king of the Blue Ridge, and reported to be five thousand feet above the waters of the surrounding country, and perhaps six thousand feet above the level of the ocean. A carpet of green grass and weeds extends to the very top, and as the trees are small, as well as "few and far between," the lover of extensive scenery has a fine opportunity of gratifying his taste. I witnessed a sunset from this great watch-tower of the South, and I know not that I was ever before more deeply impressed with the grandour of a landscape scene. The horizon formed an unbroken circle, but I could distinctly see that in one direction alone (across South Carolina and part of Georgia) extended a comparatively level country, while the remaining three-quarters of the space around me appeared to be a wilderness of mountains. The grandest display was towards the north, and here it seemed to me that I could count at least twenty distinct ranges, fading away to the sky, until the more mate range melted into a monotonous line. No cities or towns came within the limit of my vision; no, nor even an unlike Dr. Brandreth, who is now mixing pills and politics French and widely circulated throughout Europe. occasional wreath of smoke, to remind me that human hearts together, Dr. Moffat seems to be inclined to atick to his trade, adventures, he commenced a rigmarole narrative, which would were beating in the unnumbered valleys. A crimson hue for I observed a huge sign already fastened against the upper have lasted a whole month had I not politely requested him to covered the sky, but it was without a cloud to cheer the proskeep his mouth closed white I took a portrait of him in pencil. pect, and the solemn shadow which rested upon the mountains towering far above the adjacent buildings, and presenting in was too deep to partake of a single hue from the departing brilliant letters the attractive inscription of "Mothat's Life dentity to be relied on, and proved conclusively that the man sun. Grandeur and gloom, like twin spirits, seemed to have Pills and Phenix Bitters." That's the way to make money. not provided for in our constitution, nor does the General Govknew not what it was to fear. As specimens of the whole, I knew not what it was to fear. As specimens of the whole, I accustomed throb. "At one stride came the dark," and, as St. Chartes Hotel is receiving a large addition by the execution ries in the several cities, and is regulated by the charters grantthere was no moon. I retreated from the peak with pleasure. mal did not drop, but made its way into an adjoining cavern and sought the rude cabin, where I was to spend the night. to be occupied as a store, and the upper stories by the hotel. located. While doing this, the distant howl of a wolf came to my ear, Another building is about going up at the corner of Walker

> As I was the guest of my friends Williams and Hubbard, Philippe. I whiled away the evening in their society, asking and answering a thousand questions. Among the matters touched reader to imagine what is going on in the three or four hunupon in our conversation was a certain mysterious "water-dreds of miles of streets of this vigorous and growing city. spout," of which I had heard a great deal among the people Trail Mountain. I again inquired into the particulars, and city would be at least four millions of dollars. Major Williams replied as follows:

> "This water-spout story has always been a great botheration to me. The circumstance occurred several years ago. A number of hunters were spending the night in the very ravine where this shanty now stands, when, about midnight, they heard a tremendous roaring in the air, and a large torrent of water fell upon their camp and swept it, with all its where they had planted their poles. There were three hunt- Consul of the United States at Paris. But one of them is prob-'ers, and one of them was severely injured on the head by were of course much alarmed at the event, and concluded nomers. that a spring farther up the mountain had probably broken 'away, but when morning came they could find no evidences of a spring, and every where above their camping place the 'ground was perfectly dry, while on the lower side it was completely saturated. They were now perplexed to a marvelious degree, and returned to the lower country impressed

with the idea that a water spout had burst over their heads. I of course attempted no explanation of this phenomenon, he killed a buck, which had a bullet wound in the lower part, this reasoning seemed to me like getting "out of the frying

But to return to the dairy, which is unquestionably the But the most remarkable escape which old Vandever ever chief attraction (though far from being a remarkie one) con the boulder. Vandever said that this was the only time this is the establishment which supplies the people of Georgia Is life when he had been really frightened; and he also with cheese, and the material out of which the scientific cat, that for one day after this escape he did not care a term manufactures the palatable Welsh Rabbit.

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NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW YORK, MAY 22, 1848. WHAT IS DOING ON BROADWAY .- A cool morning and an

On the corner of Pine street, which is next above Wall, miring eyes upon him it seemed to me that he was far from dergone an entire renovation this spring, being much enlarged, being strong, and it was evident that a shadow rested upon and fitted up and furnished in elegant and convenient style. It must be one of the coolest summer houses in the dense portion of the city, for its whole southern side is cover-

ed by the thick foliage of the trees of the church yard. The very next number brings us to the capacious and wellpairs. Mr. JENNINGS has retired from this noted and fash views. jonable hotel, and it is now under the superintendence of Mr. BLANCARD, formerly of the "Globe."

Proceeding on a block or two further, at 177 a building

Passing on by the princely Astor House, we come at the it is said, will take charge of the American Hotel when the great principles of constitutional liberty. repairs are completed.

new front, with other repairs, paint, &c. Next above this, their own objects, and society to create and maintain its own a large four-story brick store has just had three stories more forms, without any interference on the part of the rulers, exput upon the top of il, a tall witness to the great value of cept such as may become absolutely necessary and proper. large four-story store is receiving a new front and extensive Above all, religion should be left free. When independent of going similar alterations.

a very large five-story building, erected seven or eight years Chambers street. This building has been occupied for stores, and he is to be its host when it is completed. I am told it article third section of the constitution, and that of Representates of office were small, and not well paid.

is receiving a new front.

Broadway, another large six-story building is nearly com- dent of the United States. pleted, erected by Dr. Morrar, who, like Dr. Brandreth, has

borne upward on the quiet air from one of the deep ravines street, and at the corner of Canal street and Broadway some rebuilding and repairs are going on by the agent of Louis

A builder, who understands the subject, a few days since

my journeying, and which was said to have fallen upon estimated that the cost of the buildings now in progress in this

TO THE EDITORS.

ANOTHER NEW PLANET.

NATIONAL OBSERVATORY, MAY 23, 1848. GENTLEMEN : I send you a brief notice of two new Stars, from effects and its inmates, about a dozen yards from the spot the "National" of May 3d, received from the accomplished ably an asteroid. Further accounts of this interesting discovery the water, and all of them completely drenched. They will be expected with much impatience by American astro-Respectfully, &c.

M. F. MAURY.

FROM LE NATIONAL. "Two new Stars have been seen in the heavens. One, discovered on the night of the 27th of April by the Irish

The Louisville (Ky.) Courier gives the following alarming denouement of a Temperance Celebration near that city last

"We hear of rather a ludicrone affair which came off at Shipping-port. The Sons of Tem, crance had a procession in file of the Whigs have been lessened since that period; yet which a number of ladies joined. After a fatiguing march out, and about, and through the city, they concluded to have a little something to strengthen and sustain the inner man, eschewing strong drink as a matter of course. Lemonade was rdered; the first being none of the best, or the ideas of some of the company not being altogether pleased with its strength and accidulous qualities, it was further proposed that a little fartaric acid be added to the beverage. This was accordingly done, and the social glass again went round ; but in a very few ments thereafter every one who had partiken was seized with a sudden vomiting and deathlike nausea. Astonishment and horrid suspicions of poison flashed through the minds of all. Ladies as well as gentlemen were alike sillicted. tion governed every movement, distress was depicted on every countenance, and the utmost consternation prevailed until the contents of the lemonade cans were examined, and instead of tartaric seid, tartaric emetic was found to be the ingredient intake occurred in the written prescription sent by a boy to the Portland drug store, which, when produced, read more like

A Sonnike Scor .- A few days since, at a recruiting sta tion near Bloomington, Indiana, a soldier was shot down by order of the recruiting sergeant. It seems that the unfortu nate victim, named Newmans, had indulged treely in liquor and was, in consequence, put under goard. Becoming en-raged, he succeeded in escaping from his prison, seized a musket, and threatened to kill the sergeant. At this juncture, the sergeant ordered two sentinels who had been placed t guard him to fire on him, which after the second order they did, which caused his death in about two hours.

this morning, makes it highly probable that Mr. C. Austris Coolings, of Boston, son of the late Charles D. Coolidge, and Commissary of the Massachusetts regiment, was on board the transport Dolphin, which sailed from Brasos on the 4th of last for Vera Cruz, and has not since been heard The D. is supposed to have foundered at sen. [Boston Traveller.

THE REVOLUTION IN FRANCE.

Mr. VATTENARE having requested Mr. HILLIARD Cormenin in regard to our institutions, Mr. Hil-LIARD wrote the subjoined Letter. It will be reter, which appeared in print some days ago, that it offer the following translation :

Was written more than twelve months since.

Mr. Hilliard's letter, brief as it is, exhibits the hopeful characteristics of the revolutionary movement going on in France:

House of Representatives, . Washington, May 15, 1848.

My DEAR SIR: I read with great pleasure the letter addressed to you by M. Cormenin. It discloses a profound acquaintance with the political elements of Europe; elements which, at the date of the letter, were almost tranquil, and which, having within a few months passed through commo tions, are again settling down into nobler and better forms. He must have been accustomed to the study of free institutions, and will contribute much towards the formation of the known "City Hotel," which is receiving a fresh coat of new political system about to be constructed for France, by brown or freestone colored paint, and undergoing other re- bringing to its aid his own philosophical and comprehensive

France exhibits at this moment a grand moral spectacle; the world beholds it with admiration. France has made wonderful progress within the last half century. The revolution has been entirely removed, and a large store is in progress of of this time is widely different from the revolution which occurred some fifty years ago.

Moderation; a respect for law and religion; the calm for next door, to the old "American," of army and navy noto- bearance against the prostrate party which had long abused its riety. This establishment is undergoing a thorough renova- power; the vigorous purpose of the great minds of France to on, inside and out. The old stucco upon the outside of the construct a republican form of government at home, without oulding has been scraped off, and the brick wells are all attempting to impose it upon neighboring nations by the done over, as good as new. The popular host, Mr. Coz- strength of arms; a deep sympathy with all people struggling zens, has retired from the American, but he is still deter- to be free, yet a determination to avoid entangling alliances; mined to patronize the army, and has erected a splendid ho- peace preferred to war : these are the great features of the pretol at West Point, the army's fountain-head, where his bland sent revolution, and they inspire the world with hope. Ameand benevolent features will soon be "at home" to the young- rica hails France-her ancient ally-and would encourage her number to one hundred. He told me that his dairy man was an est cadet or the oldest general. A gentleman from Boston, in the great lask of constructing a government embodying the

> The powers of the Government ought to be clearly defined Corner of Park Place, No. 237, a large store receives a and strictly guarded. Individuals should be left to pursue INGTON. and rents in the neighborhood. Corner of Murray street a The business of Government is to protect rather than to guide. epairs. A few doors further up a five-story house is under- the State it prospers, and it cannot be united with it without exposing either the Church or the State to disturbance and in-At the upper end of the Park, corner of Chambers street, jury. All sects should enjoy equal liberty and equal protection.

ago, which has generally been called "the granite building,", sident, the Vice President, the members of the two Houses of from its having a heavy granite front, both on Broadway and | Congress, and the Mayors of our cities, in the United States. The functions of the President and the manner of his elecoffices, and a large number of artists' studios. It is now un- tion are fully described in the second article and first section of dergoing an entire change for the purpose of turning it into a the constitution of the United States, on the thirteenth page of first class hotel; the whole roof is removed and another the edition of that work published by order of the Senate, story is rising upon the top of it. Its ground plot has been See also the twelfth amendment to the constitution on pages enlarged, and an extensive addition to it is going up on Chams 28 29. The same information as to the Vice President may fees of office instead of the salary which had been annexed to

will be finished and furnished in the most elegant and ex- tatives in the first article and second section of the same work. pensive style, and is intended to be one of the first hotels in The Federalist, a work recently republished by Messrs. steps of his house and the hall would be almost impassable The Russ pavements on this section of Broadway, from character of the constitution; and of the considerations which safety on account of the consular privilege. The moment Chambers street to Fulton, at the lower end of the Park, are influenced the convention which framed it to adopt it. It con- their feet touched the street pavement a press-gang, stationed ing in the Mediterranean trade, the necessity of merchants bemaking rapid progress, nearly half the section being finished. sists of as cries of numbers addressed to the American poo- ever near the house, would seize the poor fellows, and, if they A little further up, at the corner of Duane street, a large store ple, urging their adoption of the constitution, written by Mr. resisted, the cutlass was used without mercy, and they were At the corner of Anthony street, next above the Broadway ever produced by our country. The first was afterwards Chief. through the forms and ceremonies attendant upon the modes ther with a lucid treatise on the consular system. The work Theatre, a large six-story brick building is nearly completed, Justice of the United States : the second—the friend of Wash- of appeal for their relief. Sailors are not remarkable for their closes with an extensive money table, which must be of great for what purpose to be occupied I am not aware. Opposite ington-was called into the Cabinet of that illustrious man as thrift, and their heedless liberality leads them into trouble and value to merchants. to this, on the other side of Anthony street, and fronting on Secretary of the Treasury, and the third was the fourth Presi- want. This was to be repaired by some one, and the consul

A copy of the Federalist has been placed in your hands by made a fortune by manufacturing and vending pills. And, Messrs. Gideon. I wish the book could be translated into

> With the best wishes for France and sincere regards for constant demands. voorself. I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

HENRY W. HILLIARD.

P. S .- The manner of elections of Mayors for our cities is

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENCE,

COMMUNICATED FOR THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER. PORT TORACCO. (Mp.) MAY 19, 1848. DEAR SIR : Yours of the 17th instant has just been receiv-

ed on my return from Washington. I have two other letters of similar import. "The m srepresentations" to which they refer relate to the Whig Convention which met in Baltimore on the 11th instant, and the course pursued by me seems to have given rise to unjust remarks.

I went to that Convention with a single object, which was to endeavor, as far as in my power, to harmonize conflicting the most indicious selection of candidates.

Having no prejudices myself against any one of the distin guished Whigs who have been spoken of for that high office, I was willing to yield my own personal preference whenever satisfied that any other Whig could be nominated who would be most likely to concentrate the largest number of votes. exposed by the ruffian press gangs with whom his duty obliged Since 1832, when Mr. Clay was taken up by the Whigs as their candidate for the Presidency, my prepossessions have been in favor of him, as they have been those of a majority of stronomer GRAHAM, probably belongs to the group of small the Whig party; nor did I suppose there was a man in Maryplanets, already so numerous, situated between Mars and land, of either party, who knew me who ever doubted that upiter; the other, observed in London by Mr. Hind, does preference; though I have not made his nomination a sine qua not manifest any peculiar motion, and seems to be one of non to my support of a Whig candidate. You ask my opinions of the prospects of the Whigs.

My opinions are of no more importance than those of any other individual possessed of similar means of information. Had the election for President and Vice President been held six months since, there is no doubt that the Whig candidates would have succeeded. I do not believe that the rank and success is rendered less certain by the divisions amonest the more prominent men of the Whig party; hence the necessity of delegates to the National Whig Convention going to Philadelphia as Whigs, determined to unite as brethren in the selection of a candidate most likely to ensure success.

Entertaining those views induced me to oppose the instructions moved by Gov. Pratt in the Baltimore Convention, the The result was they killed 3, 196 Gopbers. propriety of which course I have seen no reason to doubt. I still trust that the Whigs, not only of Maryland, but from all other States, will go to the National Convention with a determination to act as Whige and not as partisans-to unite in the common cause, and agree upon a candidate who may be elected, and whose nomination will be supported by all who

SINGULAR FRAUN.-Considerable excitement was created Meriden (Con.) last week, in consequence of the discovery f a forgery committed by an inhabitant of that place, who has heretofore heen much esteemed by the crizens. He spplied for a policy of insurance on the life of his wife, but the testimony of the examining physician was such that the Insurance Company would not accept the risk. Accordingly the presented a critificate, purporting to be made out by Dr. William Allen, and by means of it effected an insurance of \$2,000 on the life of his wife, who has since died. Soon for the testiment of the purpose of the critical and the critical and the critical and the control of the control of the critical and the cr \$2,000 on the life of his wife, who has since died. Soon after this event he presented the certificate and demanded the psyment of the sum. The officers of the company, how-ever, determined to probe the matter to the bottom, and showed the certificate to Dr. Allan, who instantly pronounced the whole document, body and signature, a forgery

lington, Vermont, had two daughters, one II and the other 13 years, drowned on Friday.

LAMARTINE AND LADY HESTER STANHOPE.

MESSES. EDITORS : As your able London Correspondent, one of the Representatives in Congress from Ala- in his letter of the 2d instant, has alluded to an interview pama) to reply to certain inquiries made by M. which took place in the mountains of Lebanon between the present distinguished leader of the French revolution and the eccentric Lady Stanhope, I turned to the "Voyage su Orient," membered by those who read M. Cormenia's let- and found the prophecy of this singular woman, of which I

" Believe what you choose,' said she, 'you are not the less one of those men whom I expected, whom Providence has sent me, and who have a great part to assume in the work has sent me, and who have a great part to assume in the work that is in preparation. You will soon return to Europe; Europe is at an end; France alone has a great mission to accomplish; you will participate in it, I do not as yet know how, but, if you wish it, I can tell you when I shall have consulted the stars. Thank God! There are few men who are born under more than one star, few whose star is happy, fewer still whose star, however favorable, is not counterbalanced by the malign influence of a hostile star. You, on the contrary, you have several, and all are harmonious in your service, an aid each other in your behalf."

If you think this strange prediction of a strange enthusiast made as long ago as 1832, of sufficient interest to attract the notice of your curious readers, I will be pleased to see this communication in your columns.

May 24, 1848.

JOSHUA JOHNSON.

THE FATHER OF MRS. J. Q. ADAMS. [Written for Neale's Saturday Gazette.]

Mr. Jounson was the fifth son of a highly-respectable famiign of Queen Anne of England. His mother was a Mira BAKER, also of England, the daughter of the commander of an English vessel, and possessed of some landed property in Maryland, where the family was originally established in a handsome mansion on the banks of the Patuxent, (burnt down by the English in the war of 1812, but at that time not in their possession.)

Mr. Jourson was one of eleven children, five of whom erved in the Revolutionary war, and one of whom was Tuos. Jourson, the first Governor of Maryland, Judge of the Supreme Court, Commissioner for the Public Buildings and District of Columbia on the first plan of the city of Washington, and last, but not least, the personal friend of Gen. WASH-

been established in London (England) as a merchant. When the war was declared, he, being a stanch republican, could no longer remain in England with safety, and therefore removed his family to Nantz, in France, and was presented by Dr. Franklin to the King and Queen in the capacity of commercial agent, being appointed by the Congress of the old confederation in 1778 or 1779. At Nantz he remained until the M. Cormenin inquires as to the mode of electing the Pre- year 1783, after the peace, performing the duties of consul and agent for the ports of Nantz, Brest, and Morlaix.

In 1783, after the peace, in the month of May, he was In 1783, after the peace, in the month of May, he was ranean, and author of "Commerce of the United States transferred to London as Consul General, but with a salary and the Brazila." By his son, Louis Baken. Philadelphia. totally inadequate to support his family.

When the constitution went into operation, Gen. WASHexgrox, then President of the United States, reno. Mr. Jounson to the same office, Congress having substituted bers street. The construction of this hotel is under the super | be found by referring to the same articles and amendments. an office of drudgery and expense at that station, quite insufntendence of Mr. Howarn, formerly of "Howard's Hotel," The manner of electing Senators is described in the first ficient for support, and ruinous to his health and fortune. The

> Impressment for scamen was then at its height, and the Gideon, of this city, is a very full and able exposition of the from the number of poor sailors who would hang there for Jay, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. Madison, three of the ablest men carried off to a tender and shipped ere the consul could go having consuls in various ports in the Mediterranean; togewas incessantly called on to relieve their necessities, their dantablished fees were quite insufficient to meet these heavy and cheerfully recommend it to the public.

In 1796 Mr. Jourson offered his resignation of the office, but it was not accepted, and in October, 1797, he returned to his native country, involved in difficulties, and without the means to subsist a wife and seven children, six of them daugh

ly during many years.

Mr. Johnson was nominated to the Senate by President H. W. H. J. Adams as superintendent of stamps, a temporary situation, and was confirmed by the casting vote of Mr. Jefferson, then Vice President, who had known him many years.

In very feeble health, he accompanied his daughter, (Mrs. J. Q ADAMS, who had just arrived in America for the first time in 1801,) to pass two short months with him, after an absence of four years, to introduce her to his relatives in Fredericktown, Maryland, where he was seized with a dangerous illness, of which he died, after great suffering, at the house of BAKKR Jourson, Esq., his brother, from whom he received every kindness, as well as from all his brothers and connexions. He expired on the 21st April, 1802, a few days after his office had ceased, leaving a widow and family in the most dextitute circumstances.

the station of consul is made suitable to its simple labors, and impressment, that curse of seamen, is suppressed, it is freed from the cruel anxieties and the perpetual peril by which the health and life of Mr. Jourson was endangered in visiting the haunts of vice and murder to which he was incessantly

OREGON AND CALIFORNIA EMIGRANTS .- The St. Joseph (Missouri) papers represent that town as crowded with emi-grants on their route to California and Oregon. Two bund and ten wagons had crossed the river at that place, and forty or fifty at the ferry above St. Joseph. The emigration this year will not be so large as that of last year, probably not

numbering more than five hundred men.

The Momons are said to be crossing in large numbers at Council Bluffs, and from fifteen hundred to two thousand wagons are expected to leave in a few weeks for the Great Salt

Six mad dogs were killed in Philadelphia in the beginning

Lieut. JENES, of the 7th infantry, died at Tampico on the

A Gorsen Hunt .- The good people of Perter (Wiscon sin) resolved to exterminate the Gupbers in their locality, and determined to have a hunt, to see if they could not annihilate them. Twenty men were chosen on a side, and the party

"I admire an energetic speaker, (said old Roger,) graceful action is a grand help to graceful words: but I must say that I do not like to see a man become so wild in declamation as to knock a by-stander's hat across a hall, leaving its contents of dickeys and doughnuts to be scrambled trampled on. I don't like it; and I have cause for not liking profess to be Whigs. The Democratic party set us a good example: "fus est ab hoste doceri." Very truly yours,

D. JENIFER.

Tamped on I don't like it; and I have cause in what the little man said. Many a good speech is spoiled by overstepping the bounds of nature in its delivery.

[Boston Post.]

The Gold Fever in North Canolina.—We attended Borke Court last week, and found our friends in that county still laboring under the exciting and exhibitanting effects of the gold fever, which the recont discoveries in Randolph and other counties has produced on the other side of the mountains. Every man we met had, literally, his "pocket full of rocks," seemening upon the richness of some recently discovered vein. We learned that midnight excursions and John Gilpin rides were of frequent occurrence in the direction of these new and undeveloped treasures. In sober seriousness, from the hasty conversations we had with speeral gouldenen, we are induced to think that the wealth of North Carolina in the hasty conversations we had with several gouldemen, we are induced to think that the wealth of North Carolina in Gold is not yet half known. If these mines should, as we sincarely hope they may not, fail to realize the sanguine expectations of those engaged in working them, their exploration will, we think, have one beneficial effect at any rate: a more complete integers of other mineral wealth, which we more complete integers of other mineral wealth, which we more complete integers of other mineral wealth, which we may not a second the second of the se more complete development of other mineral wealth, which we humbly conceive, may, at a future day, be more valuable to the citizens of this part of the country than the richest gold mines.—Highland (N. C.) Messenger.

He feels assured that those who favor him with a call will continue their visits, as he intends to do his very best to make all comfortable who will give him their patronage. He also speaks the French and German languages.

msy 24—Staw2m FREDERICK LAKEMEYER.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, Pants, Manch 30, 1848.

Heavy letters with enclosures in them, pamphlets, books, nments, and other printed matter, being frequently sent to this Legation through the French post office from the United States, either for the use of the Legation or distribution to others in France or different parts of Europe, it has become necessary to give notice that henceforth nothing beyond letters of the ordinary size directed to the Legation will be taken out of the post office in Paris, unless the exterior envelope bears the stamp of the Department of State, and is thus shown to be transmitted under its sanction. It will make no difference if the ends of the pamphlet or other printed matter be left out, which only lessens without removing the very high charges of postage for every thing transmitted by mail in this RICHARD RUSH

THE FRENCH CONSUL AT NEW YORK .- The Courrier des Etats Unis says the Caledonia brings a confirmation of the report that M. DE LA FOREST is superseded as Consul General for New York, but that his successor is M. Thronoan PICTON, former Consul General of France at Smyrng-not LEON FAVRE, as reported.

The plan of laying the telegraphic wires six inches under ground can never succeed. Suppose that a wire between this city and Nashville were buried under ground, and then suppose that some rascal, either in mere wantonness or from a desire to promote the interest of a rival line, were to sever the ly of Calvert county, Maryland, who came to America in the wire at some particular point, and cover the spot so as to exhibit no trace of the depredation, how could the break be discovered? How but by setting out to dig along the whole route from Louisville to Nashville }-Louisville Journal.

At a late meeting of the Society of Antiquaries at London, President Evenerr, of Harvard University, was elected an honorary member of that body. The other American members are Mr. PRESCOTT and Mr. BANCHOFT. Lord ABER-DEEN was for a long time President of the Society. Lord Manon is his successor

Judge Beandsley, of New York, has decided that railroad ompanies cannot be made to pay for cattle killed by being run over by the cars. The decision is no doubt a correct one. Farmers should take proper care of their cattle, by fencing Mr. J. Johnson, previously to the Revolutionary war, had them in, instead of allowing them to stray about to the great inconvience and danger of the travelling public .- Ger. Tel.

NEW WORK

"A View of the Commerce of the United States and the Mediterranean scaports, including the Adriatic and Mores; with maps of the principal harbors in those seas; embracing tween them; with consular, statistical, historical, and geographical remarks. From the MSS, of the late John Man-TIN BAKER, formerly United States Consul in the Mediter-Barrington & Murphy, 205 Chestnut stree

We have not had time to give this work as thorough a perusal as we would wish, but we have seen enough to convince us that it is a work of great value to merchants, and that it must prove interesting to all who have a desire to know someof every scaport of any note, and gives an account of the various products of the adjacent country, with an enumeration of the articles which may be exported and imported to most ad-

A few short chapters at the beginning of the work consist of very cogent arguments showing the advantages of embarking well acquainted with the political and commercial economy of foreign nations, and the utility and national benefit of

We were well acquainted with Consul BAKER, and are aware that few men were better qualified to prepare the magers, their sickness, their wounds, their losses, and to furnish terials for such a work; and we consider that his son is entithem clothes, physicians, and funeral expenses, while the es-

> To be had at Bayly's Stationery and Paper Store, Pennsylvania avenue, below Fuller's Hotel

> An African pelican was killed on the 2d instant, four miles from Smithfield, (N. C.) which measured nine feet from point to point of wings, and nineteen inches from the top of its head to the tip of its bill. It was perfectly white, except the wings, and the down on the neck was as soft as velvet

> > A KENTUCKY JOKE!

A correspondent of the Kentucky Whig gives an amusing account of the progress of a recruiting officer, Capt. Metcalfe, in the county of Carter, which is three or four to one Democratic, and one would suppose would be very full of valor, if their professions are to be taken as evidence. Capt. M. being at home on the recruiting service, looked to Carter, which has often tendered but never given sid in the prosecu tion of the war, as the place, above all others, for a recruiting station. He accordingly went there, posted up his bills, a offered all sorts of inducements to those disposed to "battle for their country;" and, after several days spent in hard work, recruited one man, and left in despair! A day or two after he left, a notice was posted up calling a meeting of the patri-otic War Democracy, at the Court House, for the purpose of selecting a candidate to the Legislature. This announcement, as usual, produced a great excitement, and the citizens from opinions, and to unite the Whigs of Maryland in support of the nominee of the Whig National Convention, to meet in Philadelphia on the 7th of June next, believing that the delegates in that Convention would, under all the circumstances, make the meeting to attend. Meanwhile, however, some wargaining to attend. Meanwhile, however, some wargaining to attend. Meanwhile, however, some wargaining to attend. Meanwhile, however, is more than the circumstances of the Whig National Convention, to meet in Philadelphia on the 7th of June next, believing that the delegates living who can testify to the truth of this statement, and can be used to go forth to the wars, to fight, bleed, the meeting of candidates. and die for their country. The news spread has wild-fire, and, though it was promptly contradicted, the able-bowied men did not come to the meeting; there was not a quorum present, and, for the first time in the history of Carter, the present, and, for the first time in the instant, announcement of a Democratic meeting found no response in the hearts of the indomitable Locofocos of the "ever true and glorious Old Ninth;" and it is further stated, as the opinion of them the county in know," that there never will be a of those "who ought to know," that there never will be meeting of the unterrified while a recruiting officer remains i

A QUICK RETORT.—Whoever undertakes to put on the "Razor Strop Man" is sure to get flaored in the long run. Last Monday, while selling his strops in Plymouth, and expatiating the while on the evils of rum drinking, a tipsy fellow e ied out, "If rum made me lie as fast as you do in selling your straps I'd quit it to-day." "Very good," replied Smith, "the only difference between your lying and mine is this: my straps enable me to lie in a good warm bed, while rum makes you lie in the gutter." The tipsy man gave up, evidently lying under a very great missake, in supposing that he could get the upper hand of the "Bazor Strop Man."

[Baton Rouge Gazette.]

ALEXANDER B. HAGNER.

Practices in the Court of Chancery and the Court of Appeals, and in Anne Arundel, Calvert, and Prince George's counties, ap 18—colmif

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